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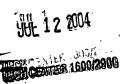
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ABSTRACT



A composition and method for reducing serum cholesterol in humans is provided. The composition includes a fatty acid ester of a primary higher fatty alcohol, where the ester compound has an improved effect in lowering cholesterol, as compared with non-esterified primary higher fatty alcohol. The method for reducing serum cholesterol consists of orally administering the composition provided to human subjects.